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117. A method of claim 99, wherein said request is part of an attribute-based access control function.

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Typographical mistakes were discovered in the amendment filed December 17, 2002 in response to the office action dated July 17, 2002. In the amendment of December 17, 2002, a computer printing problem caused the referring claim numbers in all of the dependent claims to print "Error! Reference source not found," instead of the proper claim number. This supplemental amendment cancels those claims and resubmits them with the proper referring claim numbers.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful advice by phone on January 9, 2002 regarding this amendment problem. During a first phone conversation, applicants' representative explained to the examiner what had happened. The examiner determined that the amendment had not yet been entered into the system. After consulting with a supervisor, the examiner returned the phone call and stated that making a supplemental amendment canceling the claims made in the amendment and reentering the new corrected claims would be an appropriate action. The examiner also indicated that since the first amendment had not yet been entered into the system, that a timely response to this issue would be considered.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment since it places the application in condition for allowance and they are not believed to require any further consideration and/or search by the Examiner. A clean copy of the amendments is included with this response.

In view of the above, it is believed that all outstanding issues have been resolved. If after reviewing the above, the Examiner is of the opinion that any minor or merely formal

matters remain to be attended to, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone in order to expedite any further prosecution in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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